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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the U.S. Application of

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For: **DOCUMENT STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEM**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

As previously noted, the BPAI decision pointed to certain features of the invention that were left unaddressed because these features were not recited in the claims that were presently before the Board. See BPAI Decision, p. 12. As a result, a CPA was filed with amended claims to clearly include these features in the independent claims (claims 33, 34, 35). For example, the features include (1) checking to determine if a requested document is stored locally before requesting the data from a central site, and (2) the capacity of local memories to make such processes effective.